

THE DIVISION ON MINISTRIES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The Division on Ministries with Young People continues in the forming stages. General Conference adopted the Division model in 2004 upon the recommendation of the Shared Mission Focus on Young People. The Division calls for three Network groups. In the South Carolina Conference these three network groups are: Y-Net; YAM-Net; and the Youth Workers Movement or Ad-Net.

Youth Workers Movement/Ad-Net

The Ad-Net group met in February, April, June, August, October, and December of 2006. Programs for these meetings centered on safe sanctuaries, teens and cyberspace, and ET housing. During the December meeting this group honored Randy and Frazier Swindler for their touching the lives of teenagers and adults who work with youth.

This group has been chosen as one of two groups to be the model chapters for the New Youth Workers Movement - thus the name change. As such, a web site has been created; this group will continue to have email contact with persons in SC working in Youth Ministry both as professionals and lay volunteers.

Contacts for this group are: Shelly Holder, Chair at St. Luke, Hartsville; Susy Speas, Secretary at Ashland UMC; and Mary Margaret Westbury, Treasurer at St. Andrews, Orangeburg.

Shelly Holder, Youth Workers Movement

Young Adult Network

The Young Adult Network began the year with a busy schedule which included meetings, Spiritual Life Retreat; and a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The Spiritual Life Retreat was lead by Lisa Yebuah and the Marriage Encounter Weekend was lead by Elise and Chris Barrett. Both of these were very meaningful in the life of those who attended.

During the Labor Day weekend retreat at Asbury Hills for the Division, the Young Adult group chose the name YAMNET (Young Adult Ministries Network); and named Katie Yon, Chair; and Jessica Morris, Secretary.

A web site has been created with the help of Matt Brodie. Also, members of the YAMNET participated in the Division on Ministries with Young People's Communication Day. There this group helped create a video to explain the Division on Ministries with Young People and a welcome video from each of the Network Chairs.

Members of the YAMNET participated in the Global Gathering of Young People in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Katie Yon, Chair

Youth Network Group

Youth Ministry in the South Carolina Conference continues to be a vital part of the life of youth ministry in the local church. Offering 8 retreat weekends for local churches to experience spiritual life retreats at Springmaid Beach and offering a spiritual life weekend with the option to ski during the Lifted event. In addition, the SC Conference had area and state basketball tournaments; Spirit Singers, and Youth Annual Conference or YAC as it is called.

In addition, 88 youth, young adults, and adults represented South Carolina at the SEJ Convo at Lake Junaluska. Benji Spivey from St. Luke, Hartsville is the Chair of the SEJDMYP for 2006-2008.

Elected to serve as leaders for the Youth Network group are: Kristian Roof and Andrew Cannon, Co-Chairs; Courtney Lynch and Katie Lavender as Co-Secretaries.

Youth from the Youth Network attended the Global Gathering of Young People in Johannesburg, South Africa.

*Kristian Roof, Co-Chair
Andrew Cannon, Co-Chair*

In addition to the network groups, the Division has Table Groups. These Table Groups are: Advocacy, Communications, Discipleship, Leadership, Mission/Outreach, and Spiritual Formation. These groups have co-leaders – 1 youth and 1 young adult.

The Leadership Team of the Division is made up of the Executive Committees of the Youth Network, YAMNET, and Youth Workers Movement.

The Division continues to empower young people as world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ. The Division continues to challenge The United Methodist Church to embrace, confirm and celebrate God's call on the lives of young people.

*Kristian Roof, Y-Net
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